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Military Shipments in the Northern Portion of East Germany

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS ~~_____~~ This is UNEVALUATED

1. The following military shipments were observed at the Templin railroad station between 18 and 22 July 1954:

18 July. At 1930, a shipment of 8 x 85-mm AA guns and 14 trucks
[redacted] which came from the direction
of Oranienburg and went to Camp Vogelsang.

21 July. At 1800. loading of a shipment of 14 T-34/85 tanks
1 2 trucks and 60 soldiers.

22 July. At 0900, loading of a shipment of 8 T-34/85 tanks
[redacted] 3 trucks [redacted]
[redacted], and about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered
black epaulets with tank insignia. 1

2. On 21 July, 3 shipments passed through the Loewenberg railroad station. They came from the north and went toward Berlin. The first train carried guns and trucks, the second AA guns, 122-mm field howitzers and trucks [redacted] and the third train guns, about 4 rocket launchers and trucks [redacted]

3. At 1000 on 27 July, 14 M-31 new rocket launchers with armored drivers' cab were detrained for Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) at the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow. 3
4. At 1530 on 31 July, a train carrying 14 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, about 50 trucks [redacted] and about 300 soldiers departed from the Luckenwalde railroad station. At 2000 on the same day, a shipment of 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, about 60 trucks [redacted] about 400 soldiers was detrained at the Forst Zinna railroad station and subsequently left for the southeastern part of the training grounds. 4

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1. Comment. The train on 18 July presumably carried a shipment of artillery units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army which, [redacted] arrived from Altengrabow [redacted] on 18 July and was detrained in Zehdenick. [redacted] Motor vehicle [redacted] tends to indicate that the units belonged to the 1702th AAA Regt of the 25th Tank Div. [redacted] the train on 21 July carried tank units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army. The tank [redacted] mentioned in connection with this shipment have not yet been observed with the army. The train on 22 July carried units of the unidentified tank training battalion of the 25th Tank Div which returned to Prenzlau. [redacted]

2. Comment. [redacted] the second train carried artillery units of the Second Gds Mech Army, and the third train units of the 495th (?) Arty Regt and the 126th Gds RL Bn of the 9th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] two shipments went from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde [redacted] on 21 and 22 July, and 2 shipments went from Neuruppin to Forst Zinna. [redacted]

3. Comment. The train apparently carried new rocket launchers for the 25th Gds RL Brig stationed in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. [redacted]

4. Comment. The train, the departure of which was observed at the Luckenwalde railroad station, carried artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div and probably was one of the two trains which, [redacted] went to Neustrelitz [redacted]

For information on the transfer to Jueterbog of these units,

[redacted] the personnel detrained in Forst Zinna were elements of the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt of the 1st Mech Div which, [redacted] had arrived from Dallgow-Doberitz [redacted]

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